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TREATMENT OF A FIBER STOCK SUSPENSION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated December 18, 2001, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention recited in Group I, claims 1-19, directed to a method of treating paper stock to increase its specific surface, in the above-identified application.

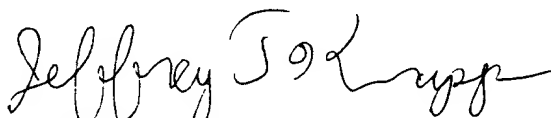
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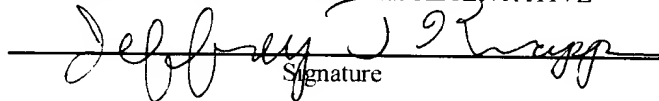
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